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SUBJECT: COUNTER-PIRACY: EXCHANGE OF MARITIME COMMAND FOR
OPERATION OCEAN SHIELD

¶1. (U) On November 9, Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 (SNMG1) took over responsibility for NATO's counter-piracy mission, Operation Ocean Shield, from Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG2). SMNG1 is commanded by Portuguese Rear Admiral Jose Domingos Pereira de Cunha.

¶2. (U) The four ships currently in SNMG1 are:

-- NRP Alvares Cabral (flagship, Portuguese Navy);
-- ITS Libeccio (Italy);
-- USS Donald Cook (United States); and
-- USS Stephen W Groves (United States).

¶3. (U) A press release with more information on the exchange of maritime command for Operation Ocean Shield can be found at the Allied Maritime Component Command Headquarters Northwood website (www.manw.nato.int).

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